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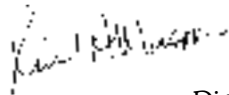
Well it is supposed to be summer, and one day it is, the next day it is not...it just proves that if you don't like the weather, wait a minute. I first offer our apologies for the tardiness of the last newsletter; we utilize other agencies to assist in getting this document put together, and the group that does our mailing didn't do so well. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience!

Now for the good news! House Bill 303 a funding mechanism for Fire Training and Emergency Medical Services in New Hampshire has passed the House and Senate; this will increase our operating budgets to bring the necessary services into the field. For fire training, our number one priority is to offer two certification courses in every county every year. To do this we are in need of hiring additional Staff Instructors. So if you are a State Instructor, please contact our office to apply as a Staff Instructor! The passage of this bill was not only a home run, but the bases were loaded...A GRAND SLAM! Thanks to all our elected officials that made this a reality.

We have received a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice to run a Firefighter I program in Cheshire, Sullivan, and Strafford Counties...these will be free of charge, including books! Watch for more information in those counties.

We hope the New Hampshire Fire Service has a great and quiet summer, and remember to train and respond safely!

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Mason, Director

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Weds. of each month (except July-August)	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m. ....	NHFA
2nd Thurs. of each month .....	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; preregistration required by 1st of month .....	NHFA
Sept. 7-9 .....	NH State Firemen's Convention .....	Gorham
Sept. 10-14 .....	Firefighter Entrance Exam .....	NHFA

**FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

**FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:**

Sept. 18 .....	Fire Officer I & II Program Orientation .....	NHFA
Oct. 1-5 .....	Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #1 .....	NHFA
Oct. 15-19 .....	Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #2 .....	NHFA
Oct. 29-Nov. 2 .....	Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #3 .....	NHFA

**FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:**

Sept. 4-Nov. 20 .....	Firefighter II, Fall Evening Program .....	NHFA
Sept. 5-Mar. 2002 .....	Firefighter I, Fall Evening Program .....	NHFA
Sept. 17-Sept. 28 .....	Certified Career Firefighter Program .....	NHFA

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

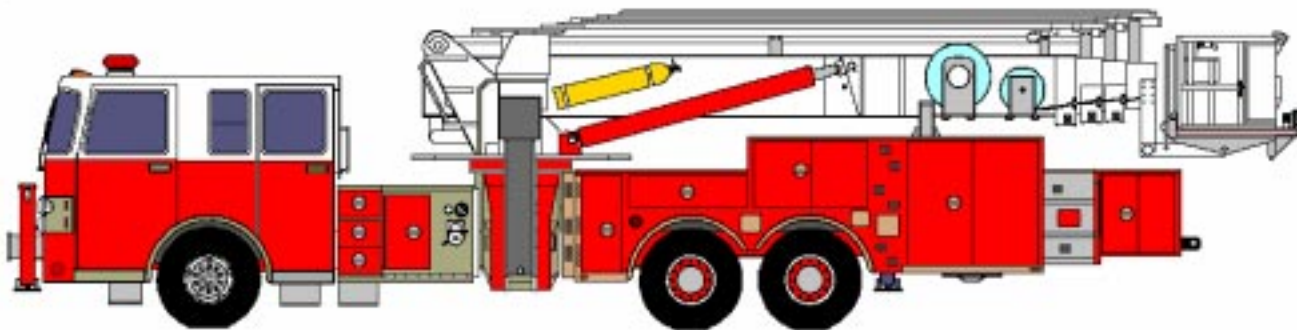
**INDUSTRIAL TRAINING:** Watch for future listings

**NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

**SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:**

Oct. 21-Oct. 27 .....	Rescue Systems I .....	NHFA
To Be Announced .....	NAPD Driver Operator All Vehicles .....	NHFA

**TERRORISM PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings





## ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Washington-The process of evaluating more than 23,000 requests for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program began last week [week of May 21, 2001]. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) brought 69 fire service representatives from across the country to the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland to start reviewing grant applications. More than 18,000 fire departments have asked for assistance totaling more than \$2 billion.

"While the program is funded at \$100 million for the current fiscal year, the need represented by these applications is 20 times greater than the available assistance," said Acting U.S. Fire Administrator Ken Burris. "Although a federal grant program of this size is a first for our nation's fire service, the volume of applications is proof of the overwhelming needs still to be met."

Grants will be awarded in six categories this year: training, wellness and fitness programs, vehicles, fire fighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and fire prevention programs. In accordance with the legislation, rural, suburban and urban departments are all given consideration and the distribution of funds must include departments with volunteers, career personnel or a combination of volunteer and career staff.

"With the large number of applications, we could not complete this work without the evaluators who volunteered to help and the support of the national fire service organizations," said Burris.

Over the next month, at least two additional groups of evaluators will convene to continue application reviews. Once reviews are completed, recommendations will be forwarded to FEMA/USFA and final decisions will be made. All grant awards will be completed by September 30, 2001.

Fire Departments should not contact FEMA/USFA regarding specific application status. That information will not be available for some time. Regular updates on the grant program are posted online at [www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/update.htm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/update.htm).

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## New Fire Grant Program Receives More Than 19,000 Application Courtesy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

WASHINGTON, DC - More than 19,000 applications from fire departments across the nation reached the Assistance to Firefighters Grant office before the May 2 deadline the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), which is part of FEMA, announced today.

"It is gratifying to see so many fire departments responded and have applied for financial assistance, which also demonstrates the many needs of our nation's fire service," said FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh. "While we haven't had much time to get the new program up and running, we are continuing to work with the fire service organizations, and it certainly helps to have all the information about the grants available via the Internet."

A series of panels in May and June will review the applications and make recommendations to FEMA on grant awards. All fire departments will be notified of final action on their grant applications no later than September 30, 2001.

"As the review process begins, we will ensure that grant awards are distributed as outlined in the legislation," said

Acting USFA Administrator Ken Burris. "That means in awarding grants we must consider rural, suburban and urban departments and distribution of funds must also be weighted to include departments with volunteers, career staff or a combination of volunteer and career staff."

Grants will be funded among six categories this year. The targeted allocation for each category is:

Training — \$6.5 million

Wellness and Fitness Programs — \$6.5 million

Vehicles — \$15 million

Fire Fighting Equipment — \$15 million

Personal Protective Equipment — \$35 million

Fire Prevention Programs — \$12 million

More information on the grant program is available from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) web site at:

[www.usfa.fema.gov/grants](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants)

The Grant Office's toll free information line is: 866-274-0920 or e-mail: [usfagrants@fema.gov](mailto:usfagrants@fema.gov)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The New Hampshire State Firemen's Association Officers and Executive Board Members announce with great regret the retirement of Secretary, Joseph M. Griffin. Joe has been a member of this Association for 55 years and has served 31 of those years as secretary. On Friday, February 16, 2001 Joe was honored at the Fire Academy. His son, daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law, and his wife of 57 years, Theresa, were in attendance. The fire service was well represented from around the state, and all wished Joe well in his retirement and hoped that he would continue to attend Association functions.

The Executive Board appointed William O. Clark, a member of the Pembroke Fire Department and also an Investigator for the State Fire Marshal's Office, as the secretary to fill the vacancy. Bill and Donna Duncan-Barrett of the Laconia Fire Department have been meeting with Joe to facilitate a smooth transition and continue to provide the service we have grown to expect under Joe's leadership.

At the February 16 meeting, Donna Duncan-Barrett was appointed to fill the vacancy of Public Relations Officer due to the October 18, 2000 resignation of Roger Hatfield of Nashua. Donna has served the Laconia Fire Department for the past 4-1/2 years. Donna is the first female to serve the Association in an official capacity. Donna's husband, Bruce (a Laconia firefighter), is also assisting Bill Clark and Donna during the transition by helping to develop a database and computerizing the Association business records.

Best wishes to Joe Griffin in his retirement and to Roger Hatfield in his new horizons. On behalf of the Association Officers, the Executive Board Members and the membership, we welcome Bill and Donna into their respective positions.



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### Critchlow Receives NVFC Fire Prevention Award

Sponsored by Master Protection Corporation

Neil Critchlow of Grantsville, Utah received the NVFC Fire Prevention Award on April 20 in Wenatchee, Washington. The award is sponsored by Master Protection Corporation.

Nearly 200 guests gathered at the Douglas Country Fire District #2 to participate in the awards presentation.

Master Protection Corporation, a leading proponent of fire prevention, has joined with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) in raising our nation's awareness to the highest form of fire safety - fire prevention. Fire prevention achievements are difficult to substantiate since the connection between prevention activities and lives and property saved are not always evident. The award was created in Marc Mueller's memory to honor his fire prevention activities and to attract well-deserved attention to the heroes of prevention.

Critchlow has been a member of the Grantsville (UT) Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years and currently serves as Assistant Chief. As a firefighter, Neil's first love is fire prevention in his community. For the past ten years, he has organized two fire prevention programs each year for the students at Grantsville Elementary School. His enthusiasm for fire prevention is evident in the hours he spends in preparing new and different ways to teach children the basics of fire safety.

For example, he designed a 32-foot stage for puppet shows and the scripts. He has also used "Pluggy" a robotic fire hydrant that moves, talks and plays music. Neil was instrumental in obtaining funding from local for its purchase.

According to his town's mayor, Neil orchestrated a world's record of children and adults to perform the stop, drop and roll drill at the same time included more than 800 people.

Chief Dan Johnson reports, "Since Neil has been working with the youth on fire prevention, the number of fires started by juveniles has significantly dwindled."

Although he works closely with Grantsville Elementary, he has also presented fire prevention programs in several other schools in the county. In addition, he presents programs to all the preschools (public and private) operating in the city. He has also made many presentations to church groups, businesses, scout troops and senior citizen groups.

Neil doesn't limit his volunteer time strictly to the fire service. He is active in the youth sports program in the community as well. He has also served in the Boy Scouts of America as a den leader and scout master. He is very active in his church and has held several leadership positions. He is married to his wife Diane and they have one daughter and two sons.

For more information regarding the award, visit [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org)



## NVFC ELECTS OFFICERS; CONDUCTS BOARD MEETING

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Spring Board Meeting was held in Wenatchee, Washington from April 19 - 21 and was co-hosted by the Washington State Fire Fighter's Association. Forty-one state associations, federal agency representatives, Sustaining Members, association representatives and special guests attended the three-day meeting.

The NVFC meeting began with a strategic planning session, which outlined goals for the organization for the coming years. Nearly one dozen committee meetings followed, each of which made recommendations to the full Board on pertinent issues relevant to the nation's volunteer fire service.

The general session opened with speakers from many associations and agencies including the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program (PSOB), National Fire Protection Association and others.

On Saturday evening, newly elected Officers and Executive Committee of the NVFC were sworn into office. The new leadership:

**Chairman** - Phil Stittleburg of Wisconsin,

**First Vice Chairman** - Aubrey Boudreaux of Louisiana,

**Second Vice Chairman** - Bob Cumberland of Maryland,

**Secretary** - Paul Lukus of Pennsylvania and

**Treasurer** - Allen Metheny of Delaware.

Elected Executive Committee members include Bobby Colvin of South Carolina, Norm Hoeft of Nebraska, Phil Sayer of Missouri and Paul Wilcox of Michigan.

The NVFC Fire Prevention Award was presented to Neil Critchlow of Grantsville, Utah. Nearly 200 guests applauded his efforts in developing and conducting fire prevention programs in his local school district. The award is sponsored by Master Protection Corporation.

The sponsors for the Spring meeting were: Action Training Systems, Amkus, Douglas County Fire Protection District #2, Elkhart Brass, E One, ESIP, IFSTA, Kiwanis Club, Master Protection Corporation, NFPA, Pennsylvania Fireman, Pierce, Provident Agency, Rural Metro, Scott Health and Safety, Southern Mills, VFIS and Washington State Fire Fighters' Association.

The NVFC Fall anniversary celebration meeting will be held in Albany, New York from October 11 - 13, 2001. For information, contact visit [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org) or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION FULL-TIME TRAINING PROTOCOLS EXPLAINED

There has been considerable confusion over the training mandate for full-time firefighters in New Hampshire, so the following three scenarios have been listed and the requirements outlined for clarification:

**SCENARIO #1:** Firefighter hired before January 1, 2001 as a full-time firefighter. He/she must complete Firefighter II before his/her first anniversary as a full-time firefighter.

**SCENARIO #2:** Firefighter hired after December 31, 2000 and is a certified Firefighter II on or before December 31, 2000. He/she is certified to be a full-time firefighter during calendar year 2001 without further certifications.

**SCENARIO #3:** Firefighter hired after December 31, 2000 and is not a certified Firefighter II on or before December 31, 2000. He/she must become a Career Certified Firefighter (C2F2) before his/her first anniversary as a full-time firefighter. This includes Firefighter I & II, then the two-week residency C2F2 program.

Should you have any questions, please refer them to Richard Mason, Director for the Division of Fire Standards and Training. He can be reached at 1-800-371-4503 or at [rmason@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:rmason@safety.state.nh.us) for information.

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## N.H. DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANNING UPDATE

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N.H. EMS Website: [www.state.nh.us/safety/ems](http://www.state.nh.us/safety/ems)

The Division is very pleased with the recent passage of House Bill 303 by the N.H. Legislature which will provide dedicated, nonlapsing funding for operations of both the Division of EMS and the Division of Fire Standards & Training effective July 1, 2001.

For the past several months the NH Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Coordinating Board has been working cooperatively with the NH EMS Medical Control Board and the Division to update both immediate and long-range planning for the emergency medical services (EMS) system in our state.

Initial review of documents included:

- the 1984 "EMS in New Hampshire: Planning for a Lifesaving System of Medical Care"
- the 1990 "State of New Hampshire: An Assessment of Emergency Medical Services" by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- 1996 NHTSA documents, "EMS: Agenda for the Future"

Work sessions by the two EMS Advisory Boards, utilizing the skills of a contracted facilitator, resulted in the development of vision and mission statements and a series of strategic goals as our statewide EMS system moves into the 21st Century.

Over the past months the following policy statements have been implemented:

### **NH EMS Vision Statement**

*"To be a model of excellence in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services"*

### **NH EMS Mission Statement**

*"To continuously improve our comprehensive statewide EMS System in order to ensure excellence of out-of-hospital emergency medical care to all persons within the State of New Hampshire"*

Strategic Goals developed through the planning process and currently under consideration by the EMS Coordinating Board include:

- Research capability for the purposes of prioritization of resource utilization, policy determination, technology assessment and performance improvement
- A progressive educational program that is affordable, accessible and effective
- Projects with community organizations that advance the health and safety of the public
- Coordination of public and private, career and volunteer, community and hospital EMS
- Customer satisfaction of the licensed EMS providers
- Performance improvement culture throughout EMS

Various objectives were developed for each of the strategic goals based on input from the advisory boards.

During the first quarter of 2001, the Division staff has provided input by defining implementation recommendations for the various objectives as well as suggesting possible priorities and implementation timelines.

Following the signing of House Bill 303 by Governor Shaheen, the Coordinating Board will be providing planning recommendations to the Department of Safety for implementation consideration.

The Division of EMS eagerly anticipates this excellent opportunity to cooperatively work with local, regional and state organizations to improve our current New Hampshire EMS System. The ultimate goal of providing trained personnel to the side of sick or injured patients and the efficient transport to the appropriate medical facility continues to be the major emphasis of all concerned.

For inquiries regarding the EMS planning process please contact Martin Singer, Director at (603)-271-4569/NH: 1-888-827-5367 or [msinger@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:msinger@safety.state.nh.us).

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer season in New Hampshire!

## LIVE BURNS: REVISITED

There are rules in place by the Department of Environmental Services regarding the burning of structures for training evolutions. Please refer to the January-March, 2001 Fire Service News (page 9) for more information. The Division of Fire Standards and Training strongly urges departments and other training agencies to follow the current NFPA 1403 standard, as well as all the safety standards (i.e., NFPA 1500) when conducting such training exercises. Please follow all safety precautions when training with "live fire."

## DIVISION OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING: FEE CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2001

### RETEST FEES FOR ALL EXAMINATIONS - \$15.00

#### RECIPROCITY FEES

✓ Firefighter I examination - \$50.00

✱ Includes written & practical for:

- Firefighter IA
- Firefighter IB
- Hazardous Materials Awareness written
- Hazardous Materials Operations written

✓ Firefighter II examination - \$40.00

✱ Includes written & practical

✓ Other examinations - \$25.00

✱ List to include the following:

- Fire Service Instructor
- Fire Officer I & II
- Driver Operator - All Vehicle
- Driver Operator - Pumps
- Driver Operator - Aerial
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Hazardous Materials Decontamination

There are no fees for tests that take place during a course; they are only charged when someone is attempting to achieve reciprocity, they were not present when a class was testing, or they had failed the original examination.

These fees are consistent with what has been charged in the past, but have never been formally approved per RSA 21-P:12-a.

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# NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

## *News & Notes*



### Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

At the time of this writing we are looking forward to the 7th Annual Wild Land Fire Training Weekend at Bear Brook State Park. We are expecting approximately 150 trainees, primarily from NH but also from neighboring states. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort put into this training by the training cadre and numerous volunteers who are working together to make this training a success.

The Bureau and the Division of Forests & Lands want to thank all of the Forest Fire Wardens, Deputy Wardens and firefighters for all of their efforts to date to keep NH fire safe. To date we have experienced 424 wild land fires that have burned approximately 273 acres. These are relatively good numbers in view of the extremely dry conditions that were throughout the State for most of May. We have filled three of our four fire tower vacancies for the season and we will be working to bring these people up to speed with their local areas. All three of our air patrol contracts are filled this year and have been most helpful to date.

We tried some different things this year with the fire permit restriction and we would like your feedback on what worked well and what not so well. One of the different things was to allow fire departments to work with their landfills to burn the accumulations of brush there, hopefully reducing the complaints that there was nowhere to get rid of the brush. One thing that did not work so well was the notification that the restriction was released on Sunday 5/27/01. This was announced over MOST of the dispatch centers' radio systems as well as faxed to area dispatch and fire offices. We also updated our DRED website. This was all done prior to notifying the media. We are always looking for ways to improve, and your constructive suggestions are welcome. You can check our website for information at [www.dred.state.nh.us/forlands](http://www.dred.state.nh.us/forlands). This has weather, laws, information about our training and many other aspects of the Division & DRED. We will be getting back to mailing all training announcements to Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

The Bureau is also pleased to announce that as of Friday, June 15, 2001 we will have a new clerical person in the office. As you know Christine Colby was promoted to the Director's Administrative Secretary. Ms. Donna Jenkins has accepted the position of Program Assistant I in the Bureau office (Christine's former position). You'll be hearing a new voice on our statewide radio system and the office phone. We welcome Donna to the DRED Family.

Legislation is going well so far this year and we are still hopeful that the budget will pass with the two Forest Ranger positions in tact and the Forest Planner. HB 274 regarding the outdoor burning of household combustibles is awaiting final action. This bill, if passed as is, will ban the outdoor burning of household combustibles starting January 1, 2003 and mandates that DES lead with DRED assisting in educating the public in responsible outdoor burning, recycling programs, etc.

Have a fire safe summer!!

Your Forest Protection Staff





## MEDICALERT BEGAN WITH A NEAR FATAL REACTION

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"Ask Us" Column, The Union Leader, Wednesday, March 7, 2001

"My husband and I both wear MedicAlert bracelets. I heard the founder of MedicAlert died recently. What can you tell me about MedicAlert and its founder? Thank you.-from DM, Manchester

"Dear DM: You and your husband are very wise to subscribe to MedicAlert.

"Their bracelets and necklaces have been instrumental in saving at least 80,000 lives. The person you refer to is Chrissie Collins, who died on January 8, 2001, in Turlock, Calif. She was 94 years old and still active on the MedicAlert board of directors almost until her death, showing particular interest in the foundation's computer operation and overseas services.

"Mrs. Collins and her husband, Marion, a physician whom she married in 1928, were vacationing with their family when their daughter, Linda, cut her finger and was treated in a local hospital. Linda had a violent reaction to the tetanus shot and almost died because nobody knew of the allergy. Her parents, seeking to protect her, pinned a piece of paper on her clothing which read, 'Fatally allergic to tetanus antitoxin.' As she grew older, Linda decided that a message held in place by a safety pin was not appropriate, and hotly rejected her father's other suggestion of getting a tattoo. She asked for 'some sort of bracelet,' and her father designed one that incorporated the caduceus, the well-known medical symbol that incorporates two snakes twined around a staff, and the words 'Medic Alert,' which they had made by a local jeweler. 'Other people saw the bracelet and said, "I ought to have one of those. I am allergic," or "I have a daughter with diabetes," Mrs. Collins told the Los Angeles Times in 1978. They had them made one by one and began distributing literature to hospitals and law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada. Someone suggested adding a method to obtain more information and the 24-hour hotline was born.

"Currently there are at least four million subscribers who pay \$35 to join and a \$15 annual fee."



*The Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Center is still under construction. The LP tank has been installed, the grounds are ready for paving, the building is ready to be drywalled, and the grass is already growing in the landscaped areas. There is still a lot to accomplish with a completion date anticipated for Spring 2002. When this facility is completed, students from all over the country will be arriving in New Hampshire for aircraft training.*



*The New Hampshire Fire Academy and Vermont Fire Service Training celebrate a 15 year educational partnership with the National Fire Academy by planting an ornamental tree during the New Hampshire/Vermont Two State Weekend held May 5 & 6, 2001.*

## **VISITING COMMITTEE WANTED**

The New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission is establishing a visiting committee to review the NFPA standards dealing with fire prevention (NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner; NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator; NFPA 1035: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator). If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Heather Newland (800-371-4503, [hnewland@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:hnewland@safety.state.nh.us), or at the address on the mast head) by August 1, 2001.

## **The nominations are in and the voting process is under way!!**

The New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit is gearing up for their 10th Annual Fire Service Awards and Recognition Presentation. This year's ceremony will be held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH on October 10. Last year's Award Ceremony went wonderfully, with two Paul W. Sypek Awards, the highest given, going to firefighters Gary Mack of Plymouth Fire and Ronald Charland of Manchester Fire. The recipients of the awards for this year are unknown at this time. Even as they receive their invitations, they will not know what award they will be presented with at the ceremony. The committee was initiated as part of the last will and testament of the late Paul W. Sypek, a Concord Fire Alarm Operator, who felt many acts of heroism in the fire service were unrecognized. The committee runs entirely on donations and the efforts of the committee members. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthwhile endeavor may contact the secretary, Stacey DeVol, at 271-2661 or 1-800-371-4503 ext. 213. Meanwhile, keep an eye out for acts of heroism for this year, and send those nominations in now, while they are fresh in your memory. Be sure to include any supporting documents: videos, newspaper clippings, pictures, etc.



## NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is an intensive 6-day educational opportunity designed specifically for the volunteer fire service officer. With VIP, the Academy has compressed 2 weeks of course work into 6 days and tailored it to the special needs of the volunteer fire officer, while maintaining content, quality, and integrity. Students have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and information with colleagues from across the country.

VIP Pilot Optional Admissions Opportunity: The U. S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is pleased to announce an optional admissions opportunity for the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). In response to requests from participants in the VIP to include municipal and/or government partners in NFA training programs, we are initiating an admissions option to give special consideration to volunteer officers who include an application to attend the same course/class session for their elected officials, i.e., city managers, elected board members, town/borough council members, village selectmen, township supervisors, or other allied professionals who are not fire service members. We will implement this procedure with the FY01 delivery cycle.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE CHANGES

Your local fire chief may now approve your participation in a VIP course delivery. It is no longer necessary for you to forward your application to your State Fire Training Agency.

Application procedures for VIP are the same as the procedures for the 2-week resident courses.

**NOTE:** You must reapply for second semester courses if not accepted for the first semester. No applications will be carried over. You may apply for more than one course, but you should submit a separate application for each course.

The VIP curriculum consists of the following courses:

- Challenges for Local Training Officers (CLTO) (R815)
- Command and Control of Incident Operations (CCIO) (formerly Fire Command Operations) (R831)
- Community Education Leadership (CEL) (R816)
- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Incident Management (ERT:IM) (R817) NOTE: Due to revision, this course will not be offered in FY 2002.
- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Advanced Tactical Consequence Management (ERT:ATC) (R819) NOTE: Available in FY 2002.
- Fire Cause Determination for Company Officers (FCDCO) (R811)
- Fire Service Planning Concepts for the 21st Century (FSPCC) (R802)
- Hazardous Materials Incident Management (HMIM) (R814)
- Leadership and Administration (LA) (R810)

For more information about the VIP program visit their web site: [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/tr\\_vip.htm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/tr_vip.htm).

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